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DOLLES' CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

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(TEXT) PEKING, FEB. 25--NOT LONG AGO, THE WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE BY DREW PEARSON, IN WHICH HE REPORTED THAT U.S. SPY CHIEF ALLEN DULLES HAD ENRAGED PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WITH HIS SECRET TESTIMONY IN THE U.S. SENATE IN WHICH HE ADMITTED THAT SOVIET MISSILE MIGHT FAR SURPASSED THAT OF THE UNITED STATES.

ACCORDING TO PEARSON, CIA DIRECTOR ALLEN DULLES, IN HIS SECRET TESTIMONY TO CONGRESS ON JAN. 18, PRESENTED "BLEAK INTELLIGENCE REPORTS" AND "CHILLING FIGURES" ON THE SOVIET AND U.S. MISSILE GAP. PEARSON WROTE: "UPON HEARING ABOUT THIS, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER PROMPTLY SENT FOR DULLES' TESTIMONY. AS HE READ IT, THE BLOOD ROSE IN THE BACK OF HIS NECK. INTIMATES DESCRIBED HIS REACTION AS THE BIGGEST EXPLOSION SINCE NUCLEAR TESTS WERE SUSPENDED. IF DULLES HAD NOT BEEN THE BROTHER OF THE LATE SECRETARY OF STATE AND A PUBLIC SERVANT WHO SERVED UNDER BOTH DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS, HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN FIRED."

EISENHOWER WAS SO FURIOUS, PEARSON NOTED, BECAUSE THE "BLEAK INTELLIGENCE FIGURES" PRESENTED BY DULLES NOT ONLY REPUTATED THE OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE GATES BUT ALSO THAT OF EISENHOWER HIMSELF.

THE TESTIMONY OF ALLEN DULLES HAS SHAKEN THE U.S. CONGRESS AND DOMESTIC NEWSPAPERS AS WELL. ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS AGENCIES, MANY CONGRESSMEN WERE DISHEARTENED AFTER HEARING THE TESTIMONY. SENATOR (J. BEALL) REMARKED: "WE ARE TRAGICALLY LAGGING BEHIND. WE ARE FRIGHTFULLY LAGGING BEHIND."

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND: CIA CHIEF SAYS—

U.S. Missile Future Not Rosy

By BREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—What many Senators didn't know about Allen Dulles' closed-door missile testimony was that the chief of Central Intelligence had privately requested the opportunity to appear before the Senate Preparedness Committee.

Dulles was so alarmed at the tranquillizing testimony of Secretary of Defense Gates who said there was no real need to worry about Russian missiles that he immediately asked to be heard.

What he told the Senators was anything but tranquillizing.

President Eisenhower, hearing about this, promptly sent for Dulles' testimony. As he read it, the blood rose on the back of his neck. Intimates described his reaction as the biggest explosion since nuclear tests were suspended. If Dulles hadn't been the brother of the late Secretary of State and a public servant who served under both Democrats and Republicans, he might have been fired.

For he gave the Senators bleak intelligence figures which



ALLEN DULLES

Gives figures: Black-and-white

not only completely refuted Secretary Gates, but also the rosy reassurances which like himself has been giving the public.

Here are the figures Dulles presented:

By midyear, 1960, the Russians should have between 40 and 45 intercontinental missiles ready to fire. The United States will have 20 operational Atlas missiles.

By mid-1961, Russia should have between 200 and 300 com-

bat-ready ICBMs. The United States will have only 50 Atlas and 10 Titan missiles.

By mid-1962, Dulles expects the Russians to have between 500 and 800 missiles capable of reaching any American target.

Dulles added that Soviet missiles appear to be even more accurate and reliable than our own. Of 25 intercontinental missiles tested in the past ten months, Central Intelligence detected only one failure.

DULLES' FIGURES support Gen. Tom Power's warning that Russia will have enough intercontinental missiles by 1962 to wipe out our own retaliatory force. Despite this mathematical edge, the National Security Council has concluded that it would still be too risky for Russia to count upon a missile broadside's destroying America's power to strike back.

Only bright spot in Dulles' secret testimony was his report that the United States should start catching up with Russia in missile power when our Minuteman missiles start coming off the production line in 1963. The intelligence indicates the United States finally should surpass Russia in missile strength by late 1964. But this assumes that Moscow will be content to continue its present schedule.

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